

CERD Working Groups

Below are working groups that are coordinating on specific issues in advance of the UN's review of the U.S.'s implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination.

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